

Overcoming Evil with Good; Part Two.
Romans 12:17-21
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Who has done you wrong? Who is evil to you?

How do you treat the one who has mistreated you?

Dealing with Evil the Natural Way - Three don'ts

1) Do not Repay Evil with Evil v 17

When you respond to evil with evil, evil wins.

What is Mutually Assured Destruction?

Are you plotting payback even now? Nursing a long held grudge?

Are you drinking the poison of malice hoping that your enemy will die?

2) Do not Take Revenge v 19

Well, that ruins my whole plan.

I am willing to suffer, *if they only suffer more.*

Do you allow your enemy to plant evil thoughts in your heart?

Do not take revenge. Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.

Do not be Overcome by Evil v 21

Have you given up in your fight with evil?

Have you been overcome by evil?

We have spiritual weapons that can tear down its strongholds.
We are to kill evil with kindness.

Dealing with Evil God's way 4 Positives

1) Do the right thing, v 17

Do what is right, so that everyone can see it (2 Corinthians 8:21).

Do what is plainly honorable even in the public judgment (2 Cor. 4:2).

A distant memory of God's perfect law remains in every man's conscience.

When in doubt, do the right thing.

2) Live in Peace, as far as it depends on you, v 18

If possible, as far as it depends on you.

Some of you do not even have peace in the family. Why is that?

Are you willing to take a punch for peace? (1 Corinthians 6:5-8).

3) Leave Room for God's wrath, v 19

"The wheels of God's justice may grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine."

No one ever gets away with anything, ever. God is just.

4) Heap Burning Coals on his Head, v 20

What could that mean? Especially in this context (Proverbs 25:21-22).

Pour kindness on your enemies for eventually it will burn him?
Or, challenge his evil with good? Convict him.

Overcome Evil with Good. (Don't be overcome by it.)